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## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR BREEDING SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

#### *Certificaciones*

1. As far as it has been possible to determine, the sheep have never been exposed to scrapie and scrapie has not existed on any premises on which the sheep were located during the 36 months immediately prior to embarkation. Each animal is not the progeny of a sire or dam that has been affected with scrapie.  
*Hasta donde fue posible determinar, los ovinos nunca han estado expuestos a scrapie, ni ha existido la enfermedad en el predio de donde proceden, en los ultimos 36 meses anteriores al embarque. Los ovinos no son descendientes de padres o madres que hallan padecido de scrapie.*
2. The animals originate from a flock where no clinical evidence of contagious ecthyma, vibriosis, ovine progressive pneumonia, or bluetongue has been reported during the 6 months prior to the date of embarkation.  
*Los ovinos proceden de rebaños en donde en los seis meses anteriores al la exportación no hubo evidencia clínica de ectima contagioso, vibriosis, lengua azul, y pneumonia progresiva ovina.*
3. The animals have not been vaccinated for contagious ecthyma within 60 days prior to certification for exportation.  
*Los animales no han sido vacunados contra ectima contagioso durante los 60 días previos a la exportación.*
4. The animals identified on this certificate were examined and found free of ectoparasites.  
*Los animales están libres de ectoparasitos.*

### **TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

The animals were tested for the following diseases with negative results within 30 days of export:

Brucella ovis (RAMS only): Complement fixation test; OR Elisa test.

## OTHER INFORMATION

1. All sheep intended for export shall be identified by an ear tag or tattoo. In addition, registered sheep shall have the registration number on the export health certificate.
2. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas.
3. The animals will be inspected at the border for ectoparasites. If ectoparasites are found, they can be treated and resubmitted for inspection 72 hours later. (Note: Mexican veterinary authorities require that the treatment be done with coumaphos under the supervision of the Mexican federal veterinarian.)
4. The animals must be transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
5. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be typewritten. Mexican Port Veterinarians will reject any certificates that are handwritten.
6. The attached bilingual certifications (Appendix 1) can be used as an attachment to the VS Form 17-140, but must be also signed by the issuing accredited veterinarian and endorsed by the Federal veterinarian.
7. NOTE: Accredited veterinarians, exporters, and brokers should be advised that Mexican animal health authorities at the ports are carefully examining all animals and will reject any animals found with lesions (particularly with oral lesions).

Appendix 1

**Health Information**

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Signature & Date of USDA Accredited Veterinarian

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Signature and Date of Federal Veterinarian  
(Apply Seal)